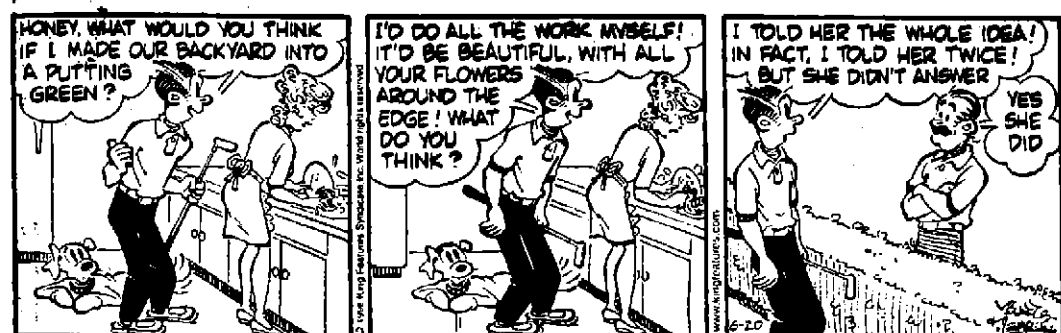


BLONDIE



SALLY FORTH



THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



9 CHICKWEED LANE



ANDY CAPP



ROSE IS ROSE



HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM



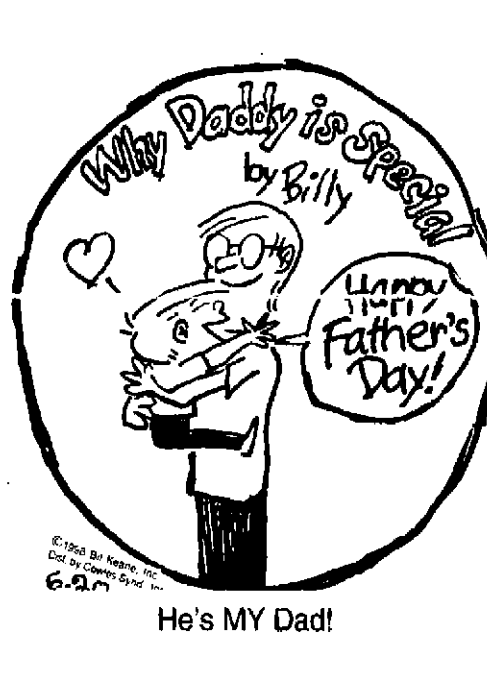
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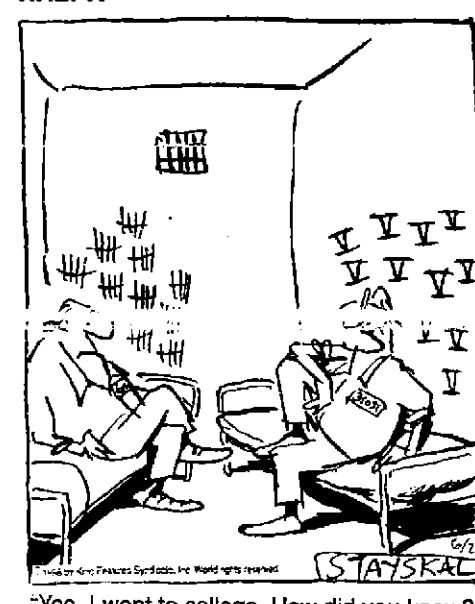
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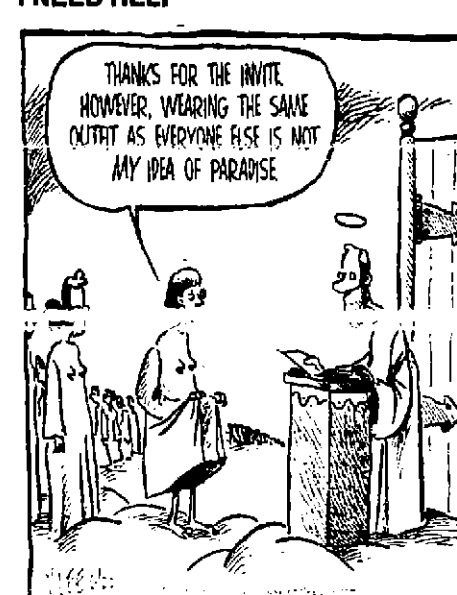
RALPH



Today's Birthdays

Country singer Jimmy Driftwood is 91. Country musician Chet Atkins is 74. Actress Olympia Dukakis is 67. Actor Danny Aiello is 65. Singer Billy Guy (The O'Jays) is 62. Singer-songwriter Brian Wilson is 56. Singer Anne Murray is 53. TV personality Bob Vila is 52. Tina Sinatra is 50. Singer Lionel Richie is 49. Actor John Goodman is 46. Singer Cyndi Lauper is 45. Actress Nicole Kidman is 31.

I NEED HELP



Helen Gurly at the Pearly Gates.

SCRABBLE

PAR SCORE 125-135
BY JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL
TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merram-Webster) and OSW Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW 6-20-98 © 1998 United Feature Syndicate, Inc.

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WORD SLEUTH

Card playing terms

F R O L S I F C Z W T Q N K I
F C D D T Z W D U R P M J H E
C Z X R R U P S R Q N L J G E
C Z U X A A V T R A P N R L J
H M E C I C C A Y W C E V S T
P R P R G N E D L E K S H K I
G E C E H B Z C L N U U I X W
U S R P T O M B A I F O L D J
I C E D O N U B T F W H B R A
Y X W U P O A T L S O P I O N
L K J H D G R E L A E D N A H

Friday's unlisted clue: DEAD

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Saturday's unlisted clue hint: THROW OUT A CARD

Ante Double Pair Suit
Banker Face card Pot Trump
Bid Hand Shuffle Wild card
Dealer House Straight

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HOROSCOPE

For Sunday, June 21, 1998

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Try not to let friends distract you from what you have to do of a work nature. Minding the store will lead to future benefits.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your mind could seem muddled about some private concerns.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You'll meet with legitimate financial opportunities, but guard against unnecessary risk-taking. Also, don't go overboard on your use of credit.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Dealings with agents and advisers are favored. Creative types meet with commercial opportunities.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) It seems one person is giving you the runaround in business. However, a new, worthwhile opportunity could arise.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) It's a better day for visiting with friends than to have company over. You might be invited to a very special party.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) There's lots at home to keep you interested and happily occupied. You could have mixed feelings about a social engagement.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) You exude confidence and will impress those you contact. Although enjoyment comes through recreational interests, you could let work slide a bit.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Details of a contractual matter aren't clear. The day, though, brings favorable financial opportunities for you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) There are too many loose ends in a financial concern to make a proper decision at present.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Investments in property and shopping for the home are favored. Strain could exist with an in-law.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) Business requirements cut into your time for socializing. Still, a wonderful invitation arises that you should accept.

ACES ON BRIDGE

By Bobby Wolff

"I shouldn't have covered the diamond queen in dummy at trick one," confessed a repentant South. "That would have been better," agreed East, "but it would not have helped." Then, in a tactful change of subject, he asked, "What do we go for at five hearts?" West led his singleton diamond queen, and South covered impulsively with dummy's king. East won his ace and returned his diamond 10 (suit preference), South covering and West ruffing. Back came the heart queen to East's ace, and East cashed his diamond nine for the setting trick. Would it have changed matters had dummy not covered West's diamond queen? No, it would not have. After the diamond queen holds, East will win West's heart shift and play ace and another diamond for the same result. After winning his diamond queen, should West shift to the heart king or to his queen? It shouldn't matter, but the queen is preferable. If West leads the king, East should overtake anyway. Because West's weak two-bid promised a six-card suit, the defenders are due only one heart trick. After East's overtake, the ace and another diamond net one down. What's the penalty at five hearts? Barring a defensive slip, West must lose one spade and three clubs for a phantom sacrifice of 300 points. But only a tactful and merciful East will switch the subject to imaginary sacrifices against a game he has already defeated.

NORTH 06-20-A

♠ J 9 7 6
♥ 8 2
♦ K 5 3
♣ A 8 7 2

WEST EAST

♠ 10 3 ♠ 2
♥ K Q J 9 7 5 ♥ A 6 4 3
♦ Q ♦ A 10 9 8 4
♣ J 10 9 6 ♣ 5 4 3

SOUTH

♠ A K Q 8 5 4
♥ 10
♦ J 7 6 2
♣ K Q

Vulnerable: North-South

Dealer: West

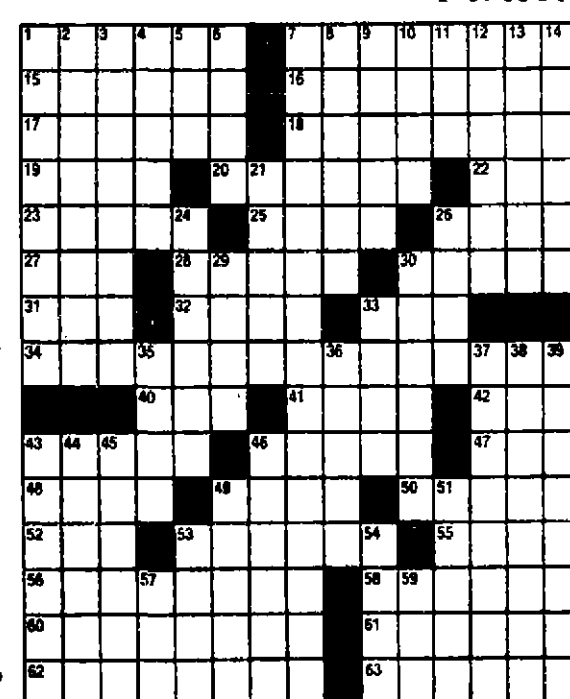
The bidding:

West 2♥ North East South
Pass 4♥ 4♠
Pass Pass Pass
*weak two-bid

Opening lead: Diamond queen

N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 0510



Puzzle by Rich Morris

ACROSS

- 1 Touches for a score
7 Forwarded
15 Go by
16 Confrontation
17 Heart chamber
18 1786 erupter
19 Raise
20 Mitchell family
22 The "S" of R.S.V.P.
23 "Turkey on white, hold the mayo," e.g.
25 Over
26 Decoy
27 Mile High Center architect
28 Chilling

DOWN

- 30 Spy, at times
31 — roll
32 Belle's counterpart
33 Ref. staple
34 1995 Annie Lennox hit
40 It may be spared
41 Touch
42 All state
43 Histrionic
44 Boetian Muse of memory
47 Florist letters
48 Coffee houses?
49 Gets stuck, with "down"
50 Political events
52 Joint job
53 Some theatrical fare

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

VATS MOBILEHOME
AREA IVORYTOWER
STEM NONSECLAR
EINSTEIN REDO
CANARD SHELTER
AUGERS HAIRY
CLEAT DOWSE MLS
HARD MEATS NOEL
ERS TANGO KOREA
BATTY CANARY
TEARGAS SALUTE
ONTO TITRESOME
GOONIAISPREIE ERIK
ALLTHERAGE RICE
SALESWOMEN SAKS

33 Start of something big?

34 Subjects of many H.S. yearbook photos

35 Having a lot to lose?

36 Spicy

37 Concealed

38 Runners

39 Body substances

40 Serving aid

45 Pope John XXIII's first name

46 Emotional

47 Head of Soviet secret police, 1938-53

48 Addis —

49 — holiday

50 Oscar-winning Martha

51 Word often followed by a colon

52 "Wow!"

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